

Swiss Club of Washington, DC

September 2025 Postillion



Message from the President

Gruezi, Bonjour, Buongiorno, Hello,

I hope all of you enjoyed a fun filled summer and that you are looking forward to an exciting fall season!

Thanks to everyone who attended the recent Happy Hour in Washington, D.C.! We had a great turnout, and it was great to see so many new and familiar faces.

The Pittsburgh trip is coming up quickly, so please be sure to register for that soon if you plan to attend. It should be a very fun trip and nice collaboration with the Pittsburgh Swiss community.

As a reminder, our Raclette event and General Assembly meeting is scheduled for October. Please save the dates for each of those events!

Have a great start to your fall season!

Herzliche Grüsse,

Kevin H. Sprenger

Swiss Kids Club Outing: Saturday, September 13

Ben Brenman Park
[4800 Brenman Park Dr, Alexandria, VA 22304-7800](#)

Please join us on Saturday, September 13th from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. Bring your own lunch for your family (there are picnic tables available). There are also sports fields available so feel free to bring your soccer ball, volleyball or basketball with you! For more information email gabriela.meier@swissclubdc.org





September 20 to 21, 2025 Pittsburgh Trip Registration and Deposit

Interested in joining the Swiss Club of Washington DC on a special overnight trip to Pittsburgh, PA? Please register here to reserve your spot.

Date: Saturday, September 20 and Sunday September 21, 2025

Activities include:

- private tour of the U. of Pittsburgh Swiss Nationality Room
- reception with The Swiss-American Society of Pittsburgh
- lunch at Teutonia Männerchor
- Tour Albert Gallatin's historic home, Friendship Hill National Historic Site (Point Marion, PA)

- NOTE: There is no longer a bus option. We will be carpooling to Pittsburgh. If you need a ride, please reach out and we will coordinate amongst our participants.

[Registration and Deposit](#)

Final pricing for the trip is \$25 plus hotel and whatever other excursions you join. A deposit (\$20) is required to reserve your spot and will be credited to the cost of your trip. A block of rooms has been reserved at the Hilton Garden Inn Pittsburgh University Place. Once you register with the club to join the trip, you will receive a link to reserve your hotel room at a special discount rate (\$189/night).

For more information email Richard Bottonari richard.bottonari@swissclubdc.org



Save the Date!

Raclette and General Assembly are coming in October!

Raclette on Saturday, October 18 at the Swiss Embassy
(Registration opening soon)

General Assembly meeting on Friday, October 24 at the Swiss Embassy!
(Open to all, no registration required)



Swiss Benevolent Society

The SBS will be hosting a KaffeeKlatsch on **Tuesday, September 2** at 10am. Please join us for coffee, conversation and community! Le Pain Quotidien, [10217 Old Georgetown Rd, Bethesda, MD](#).

As you plan for the future, we kindly encourage you to consider including the Swiss Benevolent Society in your estate plans. Your legacy can help support fellow members of the Swiss community in need—now and for generations to come. Every gift, large or small, makes a lasting difference. For more information on how to include SBS in your will or trust, please reach out to us at admin@sbsofdc.org—we're happy to assist.



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Thanks to some new additions to our club's executive board, we are renewing our social media presence and have started an Instagram page to share our updates. Feel free to follow us to receive timely updates on events and opportunities!

[Link](#) to Swiss Club of Washington DC's Instagram Page

[Link](#) to Swiss Club of Washington DC's Facebook Page



Interested in Playing Jass?

Reach out to Will Roberts for more information!
will.roberts@swissclubdc.org
New to the game? No problem, join a Jass clinic to learn to play!



Swiss Club Events for 2025

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| • Pittsburgh Trip | September 20-21, 2025 |
| • Raclette | October 18, 2025 |
| • General Assembly | October 24, 2025 |
| • Grittibänz | Winter 2025 |
| • Samichlaus | Winter 2025 |

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2025 prices are as follows:

\$75.00 for dues paying members and \$100.00 for non-members.

Great exposure to the Swiss community for a small cost.



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